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Gentlemen,

I am writing to endorse the passage of HB 5314. One of our biggest economic problems is that self-employed and Main St. businesses have not recovered, and still are dealing with the effects of a huge financial implosion of which they had little to do with and no control of. These "regular Joe" business owners are the ones who hire ½ of the employees in the state, support their community interests, provide jobs to kids and people starting out or with special circumstances far more than the major corporations that are so often spoken of. These small businesses have had few, if any, attentions paid to their issues over the last 5 years, greatly contributing to our tepid employment growth. In fact, most of the surviving businesses did not create unemployment, but held on providing employment. Paying off the unemployment loan to the federal government will be long overdue recognition that small business matters in Connecticut-every single one. This program benefits all employers equally, without picking winners and losers, and will be a big boost for our state legislature and government recognizing the value of small business and the jobs that it provides to our citizens.

Thank you and please support HB 5314

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